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SUBJECT: RE-PROPOSED SECTION 8 REGULATIONS OF US TOXIC
SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT

SUMMARY: RE-PROPOSED REGULATIONS CONCERNING CHEMICAL INVENTORY AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 8 OF TSCA HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED AND WILL BE MAILED TO POSTS, ARRIVING MID- OR LATE AUGUST. EPA MUST RECEIVE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AND MANUFACTURER COMMENTS BY SEPT. 16, 1977 FOR CONSIDERATION IN DRAFTING FINAL REGULATIONS. EPA WILL HOLD PUBLIC MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON AUGUST 24, 1977 TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR ORAL COMMENT. ALL GOVERNMENTS ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES. SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS AS UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY APPLY TO IMPORTED CHEMICALS FOLLOWS.

1. RE-PROPOSED REGULATIONS UNDER SECTION 8 OF TSCA WERE PUBLISHED AUGUST 2, 1977 IN US FEDERAL REGISTER (40CFR PARTS 700 AND 710). THESE REGULATIONS ARE OF VITAL INTEREST TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS AS THEY REGULATE IMPORTATION AND REPORTING OF CHEMICAL

SUBSTANCES. COPIES OF REGULATIONS AND QUESTION AND ANSWER EXPLANATORY SHEET WILL BE MAILED TO POSTS BUT MAY NOT ARRIVE UNTIL MID- OR LATE-AUGUST. COPIES HAVE THEREFORE BEEN PROVIDED TO EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON WITH SUGGESTION

THAT THEY FORWARD COPIES TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS AND INTERESTED MANUFACTURERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. SECTION 8 REQUIRES EPA ADMINISTRATOR ESTABLISH INVENTORY LIST OF EXISTING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES. ALL SUBSTANCES NOT ON LIST WILL BE SUBJECT TO PRE-MANUFACTURE NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE WHICH COULD DELAY ENTRY TO U.S. MARKET. IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS TO BE

CERTAIN THAT THEIR CHEMICALS ARE ON THE INVENTORY. QUOTE HOW TO REPORT UNQUOTE IS SECTION IN RE-PROPOSED REGULATIONS. FINAL REPORTING REGULATIONS ARE DUE TO BE PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER 1978, AND THE FINAL INVENTORY LIST SHOULD BE PUBLISHED IN FALL 1978.

3. RE-PROPOSED REGULATIONS REQUIRE IMPORTERS IN THE US TO REPORT ONLY ON CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES. FORMER PROPOSED REGULATIONS REQUIRED IMPORTERS TO REPORT ON CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES WHICH WERE PART OF IMPORTED ARTICLES AS WELL. DELETION OF THIS REQUIREMENT SHOULD BE WELCOMED BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES.
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4. IN ADDITION TO IDENTIFYING THE SUBSTANCE, IMPORTERS ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT THE AMOUNT OF THE CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE WHICH WAS IMPORTED DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1976. THERE ARE PROVISIONS IN THE REGULATIONS FOR CHEMICALS WHICH WERE NOT IMPORTED IN 1976.

5. ANY IMPORTER WHO IS REQUIRED TO REPORT OR WHO CHOOSES TO REPORT A CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE FOR THE INVENTORY MAY AUTHORIZE THE FOREIGN SUPPLIER TO REPORT TO EPA ON BEHALF OF THE IMPORTER IF BOTH THE FOREIGN SUPPLIER AND THE IMPORTER SIGN THE REPORTING FORM. IMPORTERS, HOWEVER, REMAIN LIABLE FOR REPORTING.

6. A PUBLIC MEETING ON THESE PROPOSED REGULATIONS WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 24, 1977 FROM 0900 TO 1630 IN THE THOMAS JEFFERSON AUDITORIUM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 14TH AND INDEPENDENCE AVENUE, S.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. PERSONS WHO WANT TO RESERVE TIME TO PRESENT COMMENTS AT THAT MEETING SHOULD CONTACT VICKI BRIGGS AT ABOVE ADDRESS OR CALL 202-426-9819.

7. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF CONTENTS THIS TELEGRAM AND ADVISE THEM THAT YOU WILL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE RE-PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SHEET AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE IT--PROBABLY MID-OR LATE AUGUST. POSTS SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT COPIES OF THESE MATERIALS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON FOR FORWARDING TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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